TASK FORCE CLASSIFICATION/DECLASSIFICATION/MANDATORY REVIEW

# DECLASSIFICATION

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- 1. "Guideline for systematic declassification review"
  - a. should be unclassified to the extent practicable (classified guidance implied)
  - in unclassified form, shall be published in the <u>Federal Register</u> (no date specified)
  - c. shall be submitted to DISOO (including classified) for review

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- d. shall be promulgated within 180 days after 1 December 1978
- e. shall be prepared after "consultation with the Archivist of the United States."
- f. shall be reviewed by 1500 before issuance
- g. "shall state specific limited categories of information"
- h. "shall be authorized for use by the Archivist of the U.S."

NOTE: CIA will want to prepare special guidelines for use by the Archivist re segregation of material for CIA review.

i. "may, upon approval of the issuing authority, be used by any agency having custody of the information"

CAUTION: "All information not identified in these guidelines as requiring review and for which a prior automatic declassification date has not been established shall be declassified automatically at the end of twenty years from the date of original classification."

- 2. "The DCI may establish special procedures for systematic review and declassification of classified information concerning the identities of clandestine human agents."
  - a. shall be reviewed and approved by DISOO prior to implementation
  - b. shall be consistent, so far as practicable, with the objectives of Section 3-401 and 3-402.

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# DECLASSIFICATION (Continued)

- 3. Guidelines for review for declassification of foreign government information after 30 years
  - a. shall be developed by Agency heads, in consultation with the Archivist of the United States and, where appropriate, with the foreign government or international organization concerned.
  - b. ...shall be authorized for use by the Archivist of the U.S.

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- OTE: This provision apparently refers back to 3-203: "classified information transferred to the GSA for accession into the Archives of the U.S. shall be declassified or downgraded by the Archivist of the U.S. in accordance with this Order, the directives of the ISOO, and the Agency guidelines." However, CIA will want to prepare special guidelines for use by the Archivist re segregation of material for CIA review.
- may, upon approval of the issuing authority, be used by any agency having custody of the information.

NOTE: The DISOO may extend the period between subsequent reviews for specific categories of documents or information. (10 year intervals for 20 year old information and no mention of interval for subsequent review of foreign government information).

Question: What "specific categories of documents or information" should a wavier of the 10 years review interval be sought?

- a. Foreign government information
- b. Other?

c. Identities and (by implication) activities of

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Classification Guides and Regulations

### 1. Guides

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"guides for security classification that will facilitate the identification and uniform classification of information requiring protection under the provisions of this Order" shall be promulgated by agencies with original classification authority.

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- b. "Classification guides used to direct derivative classification shall specifically identify the information to be classified"
  - (1) "Each classification guide shall specifically indicate how the designations, time limits, markings and other requirements of this Order are to be applied to the information."
  - (2) Each such guide shall be approved personally and in writing by an agency head or by an official with Top Secret classification authority.

### 2. Regulations

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For documents classified for more than six years, the reason for the prolonged classification may be stated by reference to criteria set forth in Agency implementing regulations". "These criteria shall explain in narrative form the reason the information needs to be protected beyond six years".

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- b. A copy of any informative security regulations adopted shall be submitted to the ISOO.
  - (1) to the extent practicable, such regulations should be unclassified (may be classified by implication)
- (2) unclassified regulations that establish agency information security policy shall be published in the <u>Federal Register</u>.
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  - (3) DISOO shall review all Agency implementing regulations and require any regulations or guidelines to be changed subject to appeal.